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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0054

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, MZ, UR

SUBJ: SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. NOTICIAS JAN 15 REPORTED THAT A SOVIET NAVAL UNIT, INCLUDING THE DESTROYER "ODARENNI" AND A PETROLEUM VESSEL, WILL MAKE AN "OFFICIAL VISIT OF FRIENDSHIP" TO MAPUTO IN THE SECOND HALF OF THIS MONTH. A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT IN MAPUTO DISCLOSED THAT THE VISIT IS AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE, THE VISIT IS CONSISTENT WITH "THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP, SOLIDARITY, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE" THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

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END UNCLAS.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT: TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE EMBASSY, THIS IS THE FIRST SOVIET NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE SINCE INDEPENDENCE. IT IS NOT LIKELY TO BE THE LAST.

3. IN THE LAST MONTH, AS FIGHTING ALONG THE BORDER HAS ES-

CALATED AND AS FRELIMO HAS PREPARED FOR ITS THIRD PARTY CONGRESS, THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY HAVE BEEN DRAWING PUBLICLY CLOSER TO THEIR COMMUNIST ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS MOST APPARENT IN THE FRELIMO LEADERSHIP'S CALLS FOR THE ADOPTION AT THE UPCOMING PARTY CONGRESS OF SCIENTIFIC-SOCIALISM AND MARXISM-LENISM AS THE OFFICIAL IDEOLOGY OF THE PARTY.

4. THE TIMING OF THE SHIP VISIT MAY NOT BE COINCIDENTAL. THE GPRM AND PARTY HAVE BEEN JITTERY OF LATE, AS IF FEARING ACTS OF SUBVERSION OR DISSIDENCE. JUST TODAY THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT ENTRY INTO MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS IS BEING RESTRICTED "IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ENEMIES FROM TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THIS OCCASION (THE PARTY CONGRESS) TO SPREAD RUMORS AND LIES ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT". SECURITY IN MAPUTO AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WAS ALSO TIGHTENED OVER THE HOLIDAYS IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE TROUBLE. THE VISIT OF THE SOVIET SHIPS MAY BE INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE ANY WOULD-BE TROUBLE-MAKERS.  
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